## State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM:

Department of Parks and Recreation

750 Hearst Castle Rd

San Simeon, CA 93452

PROJECT TITLE: Irish Hills See Canyon Fuel Modification Project

LOCATION: Montana de Oro State Park

**COUNTY:** San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Clear brush and remove combustible materials on approximately seven (7) acres around the See Canyon Residence located on See Canyon Road and around the Yost Cabin located in the Irish Hills interior of Montana de Oro State Park, to reduce fuel loads, protect structures, and improve public safety. Work will:

- Mechanically remove dead and low hanging tree limbs:
- Manually remove brush, understory, and combustible materials along an access corridor and around the two structures: clear 30 to 50 feet of defensible space
- Stockpile downed and cut branches and slash for decomposition, chipping, burning or removal.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Luis Obispo Coast District **EXEMPT STATUS:** 

X Categorical Exemption Class: 4

Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes, included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

**CONTACT**: Doug Barker, District Environmental Coordinator

San Luis Obispo Coast District

TELEPHONE: (805)927-2119

EMAIL: Doug.Barker@parks.ca.gov

Nicholas Franco, District Superintendent